

Calhoun County Parks Board

Draft

Park Rules & Park Improvement Opportunities



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Purpose of this document

The purpose of this document is to assist the Parks Board in its consideration of potential park rules, in identifying potential park improvements that might be considered, and to aide in public discussions thereof.

The document is a working draft and does not reflect a Board consensus or recommendation.

For each County Park or Bay access asset, the document seeks to provide:

1. an aerial view of the park
2. a list of potential improvement opportunities that might be considered
3. a draft of potential park rules, portrayed as entry signage that would be posted at each park

The Parks Board plans to make recommendations regarding park rules to Commissioners Court as early as March 2019. Recommendations for park improvements will be developed subsequently.

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Magnolia Beach - Indianola Parks



Key - North to South:

1. Magnolia Beach Boat Ramp
2. Magnolia Beach Proper & Cabanas
3. Magnolia Beach Pier
4. Miller Point Area
5. Indianola Beach Park and Cabanas
6. Indianola Pier
7. Lasalle Monument
8. Paddling Trail and Marsh access
9. Other important contacts and stakeholders in the Area

Magnolia Beach Boat Ramp



Potential Improvements for Boat Ramp area:

1. Repair existing ramp washout and access to north ramp
2. add a fish cleaning table on north side of north groyne – need to consider tides & winds impact on carcasses to ensure they don't end up on beach
3. add portable restroom facilities
4. upgrade trailer parking area, including traffic flow signage
5. Encourage fishing opportunities from seawall at Memorial Bench area with installation of cabanas
6. Install safety ladder to get back up if people fall in

Draft Park Rules signage:

Calhoun County's Magnolia Beach Boat Ramp

Be Safe – Be Courteous – Enjoy the Bay

Parking Area reserved for users of boat ramp

Rules posted at Magnolia Beach

Magnolia Beach Park (Crabbing Bridge thru Cabanas)



Potential Improvements to Magnolia Beach Proper and Cabanas

1. Address beach erosion - see concept below; develop strategy to advance solution with GLO and USACOE
2. Acquire / resolve any land inholdings
3. Restroom - turn off the hot water to discourage campers
4. Address ways to reduce cost of trash collection
5. Determine if in-holdings on north end are problematic
6. Consider / develop permit / fee system for that would provide operating, maintenance and enforcement funds (requires County election), eg camping fee
7. Identify and develop dedicated RV camping area and any permit requirement to move campers from Magnolia Beach to a preferred area (eg Miller Point)



Draft Entry Signage for Magnolia Beach Park Rules

Welcome to Calhoun County's Magnolia Beach Park Rules

Be Safe

Watch out for Kids!

Speed Limit 15 MPH

No vehicles in Cabana area

No glass containers on the Beach

Discharge of firearms is prohibited

Be Courteous

Perpendicular parking only to allow more to enjoy the water.

Parking cannot restrict the flow of traffic

Unattended personal belongs not allowed

No littering, dumping or household garbage.
(You brought it so please pack it home!)

Inappropriate behavior or loud noise after 11 pm will not be tolerated.

Pets and horses must be on a leash or effectively constrained.
Please clean up after your animals.

Protect our unique shell beach

No fires on the beach except in designated BBQ pits or fire pits

No launching or loading of motorized water craft from the beach. Please use the Boat Ramp.

Have Fun

RV Camping RV camping limited to 7 days

No discharge of waste water

Tent camping limited to 3 days

Vendors not permitted in the Park

Report inappropriate activities to the Sheriff at 361-553-4646

Violators will be prosecuted.

by Order of Commissioners Court



Signage required for Magnolia Beach at these locations:

Rules sign as above at entrance to MB, Leaving park at 21st street?

"No Vehicles beyond this Point" in several locations ; "No Camping" in several locations if blocks traffic flow; Camping and beach rules again at Cabanas

Magnolia Beach Pier (Cabanas south to 23rd Street)



Note: popular night fishing area with generators to run fishing lights
Erosion has reduced space available for parking / camping

Potential Improvements to Magnolia Beach Pier Park

1. Address erosion
2. Repair fishing pier-Completed
3. Install Porta potty
4. Determine best use of County owned parcels just north of pier

Draft Rule Signage: (at pier)

Welcome to Calhoun County's Magnolia Beach Fishing Pier Park

Be Safe - Be Courteous – Catch Fish!

Park Rules for Pier Area - same Magnolia Beach Proper

Miller Point Area



Potential Improvements Miller Point RV Campground

1. Develop designated RV camping area
 - RV campsite for 40 at Miller Point – Rustic, no hookups
 - Reserve beach for RV campers. No vehicles allowed on beach.
 - Identify RV camper overflow area (Property ID 81395?)
2. Develop permit / fee system for that would provide operating, maintenance and enforcement funds (requires County election), eg camping fee
3. Consider development of modern RV campsite with electricity, water, sewage dumps as available in other coastal parks
4. Cabanas for day use of campers
5. Address erosion by extending groynes
6. Improvements for Marsh Boardwalk:
 - add marsh and marsh bird educational materials to historical material
 - add picnic tables at boardwalk
7. Develop parking and beach access plan for day use area
8. Add signage to historical cistern and protection as appropriate

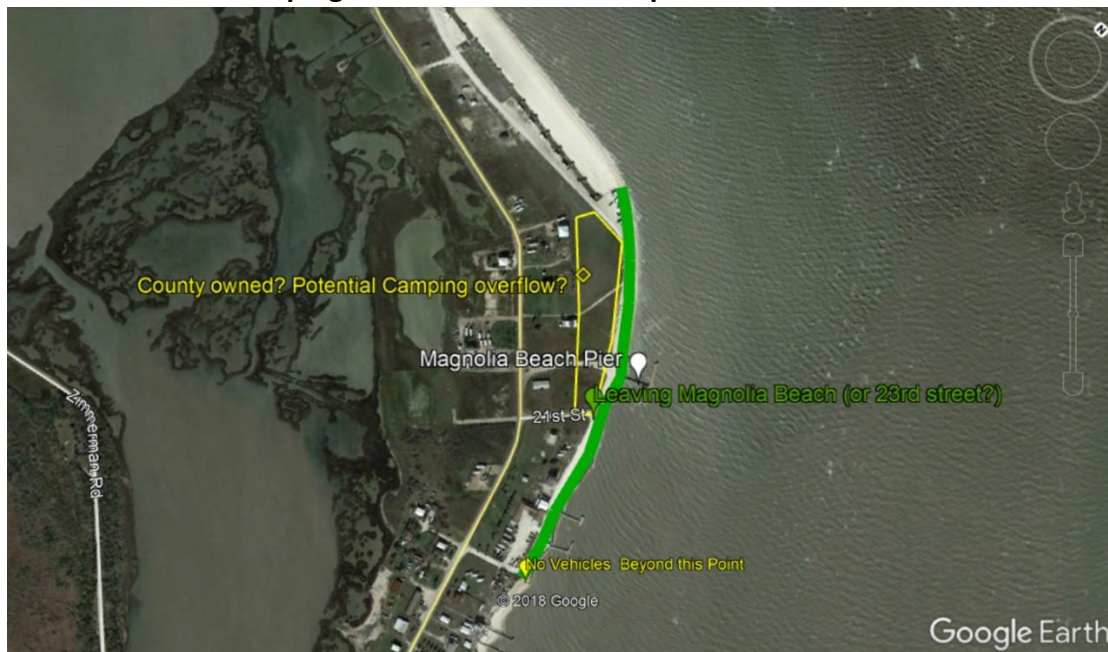
Draft Rules signage for a potential Miller Point RV Campground:

Welcome to Calhoun County's Miller Point Campground Be Safe - Be Courteous – Enjoy your Stay

Park Rules where different than Magnolia Beach Proper

- Camping limited to 7 nights per month.
- RV Parking in designated slots only
- Discharge of waste water not permitted
 - Vehicles prohibited on Beach

Potential RV Camping overflow North of MB pier.



Indianola Beach Park



Potential Improvement for Indianola Beach Park

1. Replace aging, inadequate restroom facility
2. Address erosion
3. Cabana upgrades
4. identify alternative location of burn pile

Draft Rules Signage:

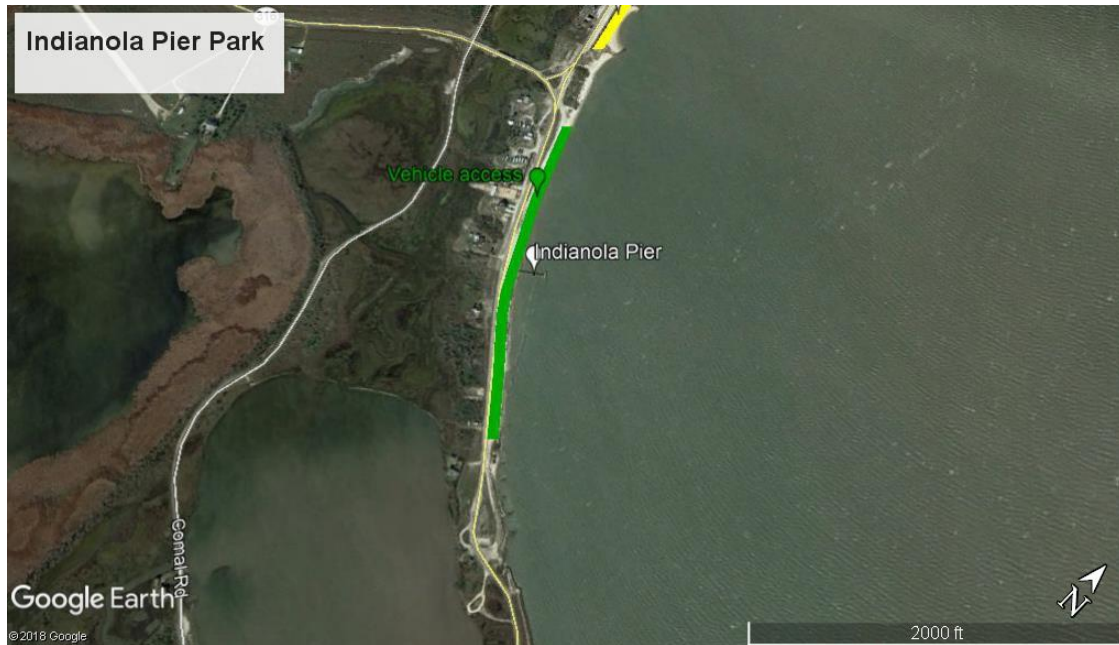
Welcome to Calhoun County's Indianola Park

Be Safe - Be Courteous – Protect and Enjoy our unique shell Beach

Rules Where different than Magnolia Beach Proper:

- tent camping permitted – limited to 3 nights

Indianola Pier Park



Potential Improvements to the Indianola Fishing Pier

1. Repair pier - completed
2. Address erosion
3. Porta potty

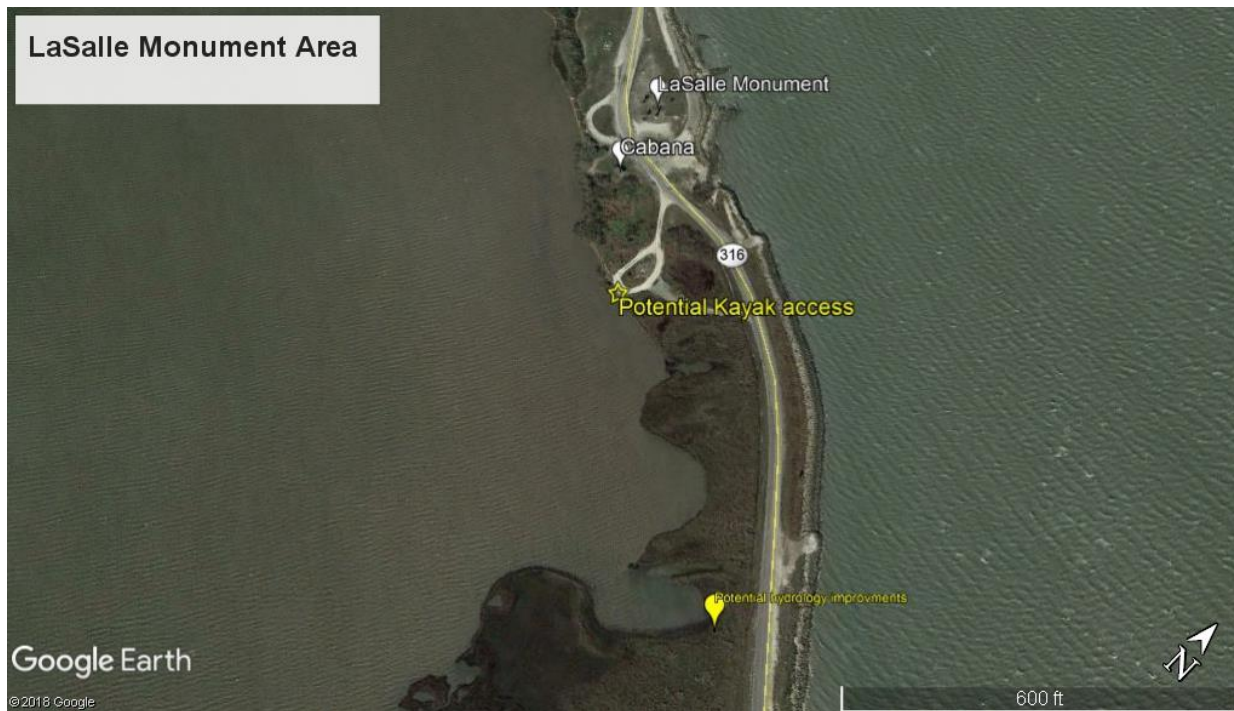
Draft Rules Signage:

Welcome to Calhoun County's Indianola Pier Park

Be Safe - Be Courteous – Catch Fish!

Park Rules where different than Magnolia

LaSalle Monument



Potential Improvements to LaSalle Monument Area

1. Replace cabanas
2. Add kayak trail access to Blind Bayou
3. Improve hydrological connection from Marsh to Bay
4. Review current historical markers and signage for upgrade opportunities

Draft Rules Signage:

Welcome to Historic Indianola

Be Safe – Be Courteous – Learn our past

Day Use Only

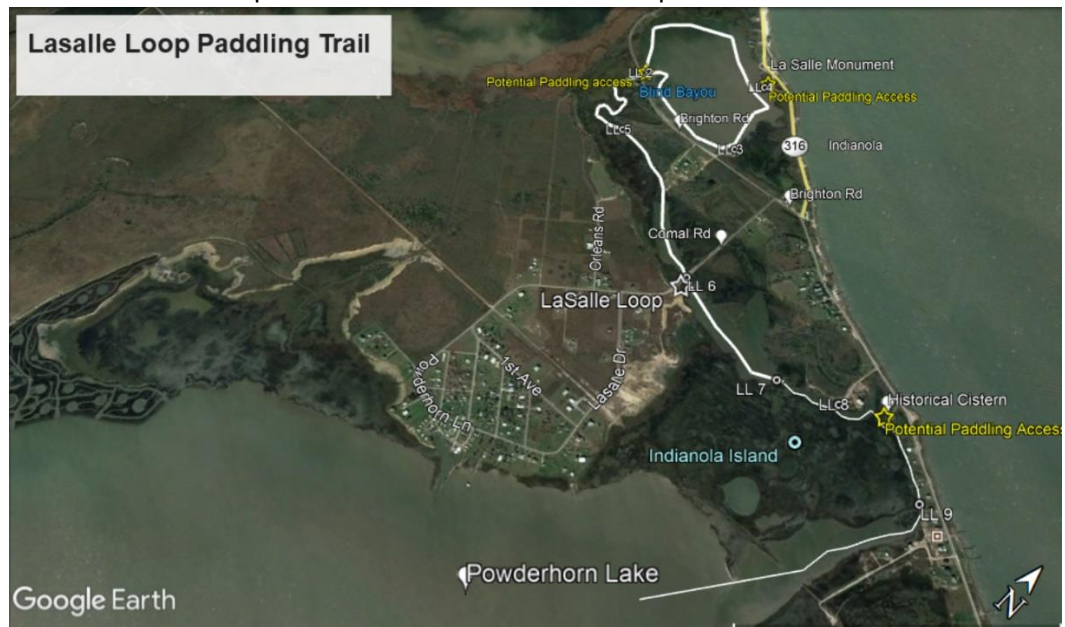
No Camping

Paddling Trail (County Marine Agent) & Marsh Access



Potential Improvements

1. Determine status of trail markers- repair as necessary
2. Determine status of Zimmerman Road bridge
3. Determine ownership of land between marks 5 & 6 as potential marsh access site



Potential Improvements

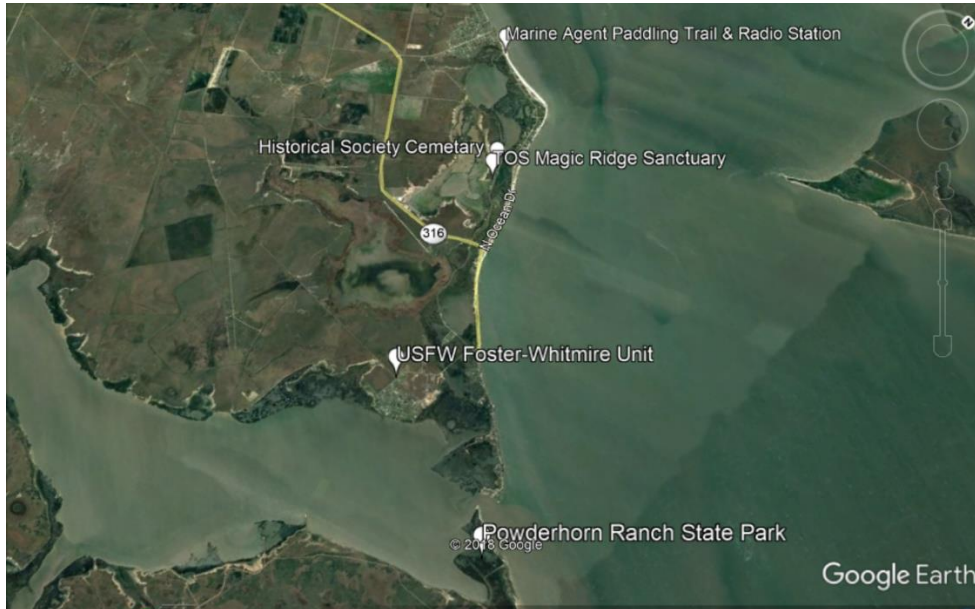
4. Determine status of trail markers- repair as necessary
5. Upgrade vehicle access to Hospital Bridge / Comal Rd launch
6. Determine ownership of land of other potential access sites
7. Consider decks / piers at those sites



Potential Improvements

8. Determine status of trail markers- repair as necessary
9. Upgrade vehicle access to Comal Rd launch
10. Add access site at FM 1289/Coloma Creek
11. Consolidate with planned Powderhorn Shoreline Trail from POC Boggy Park to Powderhorn State Park and make application for inclusion into TPWD Paddling Texas System

Other Important Contacts and Stakeholders in Magnolia Beach-Indianola Area



- County Marine Agent – Rhonda Cummins
- Texas Ornithology Society
- USFW Foster-Whitmire Unit
- TPWD Powderhorn State Park
- Calhoun County Historical Society
- Local Organizations: VFD, ..
- Local Businesses: Indianola Marina, RV parks

Identify opportunities to partner / collaborate.

Alamo Beach Boat Ramp



Current Amenities

1. Boat Ramp
2. Small gravel parking area

Draft Park Rules signage:

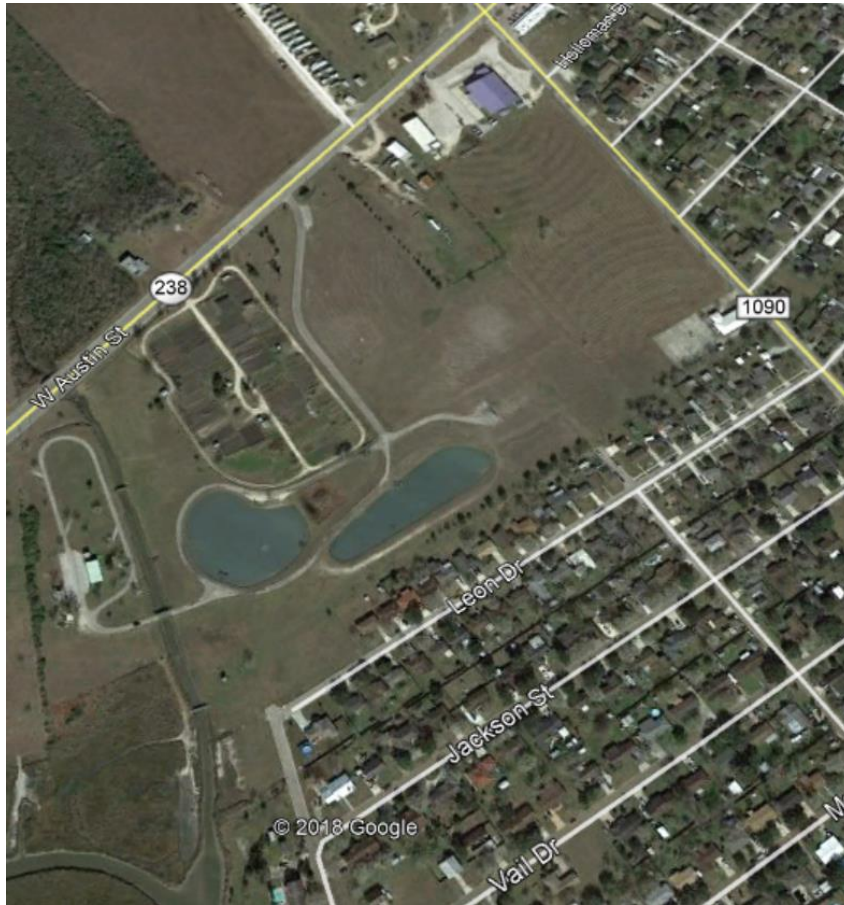
Calhoun County's Alamo Beach Boat Ramp

Be Safe – Be Courteous – Enjoy the Bay

No overnight camping

Potential Improvements:

Little Chocolate Bayou Park



Current rules on entry sign:

- Hours 6am-9pm - Gated
- No unleashed dogs
- Ducks part of the park
- No vehicles on grass
- No swimming

Current Amenities

- restrooms
- picnic area
- fishing area
- open space
- educational area by Rhonda Cummins

Potential Improvements

- Kayaking trail to connect to Chocolate Bay and Bayou
- Extend education area into kayak trail

Welcome to Calhoun County's Little Chocolate Bayou Park Park Rules

Be Safe

Watch out for Kids!

Speed Limit 15 MPH

No vehicles on the grass

Discharge of firearms is prohibited

Swimming is prohibited

Be Courteous

No littering, dumping or household garbage.
(You brought it so please pack it home!)

Inappropriate behavior or loud noise will not be tolerated.

Pets must be on a leash or effectively constrained. Please clean up after your pet.

Park hours are 6am – 9pm

Protect our Park

Ducks belong to the Park

No fires except in designated BBQ grill

Have Fun

Fish – Feed the Ducks – Picnic – Relax

Report inappropriate activities to the Port Lavaca Police at 361-552-3788

Violators will be prosecuted.

by Order of Commissioners Court



Chocolate Bayou Boat Ramp



Background

- 4 Parcels totaling nearly 5.52 acres.
 - ID# 39601 – 4.45 acres (all the proposed work on this parcel)
 - ID# 39619 - 0.25 acres
 - ID# 39637 – 0.57 acres
 - ID# 37391 - .57 acres
- Bordered on east by County's Van Buren Road & Van Buren Estate
- Bordered on west by TX Row for FM 238
- The publicly used area west of FM238 appears to be on TXDOT ROW, or the adjacent GLO marsh.
- No record found of when Ramp was built. Aerial photography records show it existed in Dec 1990.
- A utility power line runs across the area. Power company is AEP. The line was recently upgraded.

Current Condition:

- Narrow ramp – only 12.5’
- Dilapidated bulkheads up and downstream
- 10’ plus of bank erosion downstream of bulkhead.
- Area west of ramp degraded by inappropriate vehicle traffic
- Access road to ramp has potholes
- Parking lot is asphalt; approx. 100’x100’; in fair condition.
- Security light pole leaning; light missing.
- Current use is several boats daily; weekends 5-10 boats. Also bank fishing from the site is popular

Land Ownership Map



Calhoun CAD

Property Search Map Search

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Property

Account

Property ID:

39601

Legal Description:

A0135 THOMAS POWELL, BLOCK 0000, TRACT 2, ACRES 4.45

Geographic ID:

A0135-00000-0002-00

Agent Code:

Type:

Real

Property Use Code:

Property Use Description:

Location

Address:

Mapsc:

Neighborhood:

REGION 6-RURAL

Map ID:

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Neighborhood CD:

80650

Owner

Name:

CALHOUN COUNTY

Owner ID:

25670

Mailing Address:

211 S ANN
PORT LAVACA, TX 77979

% Ownership:

100.0000000000%

Exemptions:

EX-XV

Area Vegetation

Vegetation looking downstream: Vegetation looking downstream: Vegetation across Bayou:



Areas across bayou from ramp, upstream and downstream are included in the National Wetland Inventory





Proposed Improvements

1. Widen boat ramp to 20'
2. Replace bulkhead downstream approx. 100'.
3. Replace bulkhead upstream approx. 50'.
4. Repair security light near parking area (electrical connection must be buried.)

Cost estimate

- Rexco Construction - \$145k
 - G&W Engineering - \$20K (limited to 12.5%)
 - Matching funds to come from Precinct 1 budget
 - Construction would begin asap upon receipt of grant and be completed within a year
5. Enhance surface behind the bulkhead to bank fishing and attendant vehicles -\$2k
 6. Close area upstream to vehicle traffic with bollard fence - \$100
 7. Repave access road -1500' -\$20k per Hall
 8. Repave parking lot : 100x100'; do not increase size per Hall. Cost to repave in above.
 9. Add signage -\$300

Note: County applied for a TPWD grant in October 2018 for the above scope of improvements

Other potential improvements that might be considered in future:

- Port a potty
- Install lights to enhance night fishing
- Develop a TPWD kayaking trail into Chocolate Bay and Bayou
- Fishing cleaning table
- RV campground for several campsites - there is room
- Enhance access and bank fishing on TXDOT and State owned land across FM238

Draft Entry signage for consideration

Welcome to Calhoun County's Chocolate Bayou Boat Ramp Rules

Be Safe

Watch out for Kids!

Speed Limit 15 MPH

No glass containers

Discharge of firearms is prohibited

Be Courteous

No littering, dumping or household garbage.

You brought it so please pack it home!

Protect our bayou habit

No vehicles in designated areas

No Camping

Have Fun

Fish – Boat - Paddle

Report inappropriate activities to the Sheriff at 361-553-4646.

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Signage required:

1. Road signage
2. Entry sign
3. Several "Area closed to vehicles"
4. Private property

View from the Highway Bridge:



From Entrance Road:





Photos from 9-11-18:



Overview



Ramp



Bulkhead looking west



Bulkhead looking east



Shoreline looking west



Shoreline looking east



Access road



parking area



Old electric connection



Public fishing area west of highway



Existing signage

Six Mile Park and Boat Ramp



Amenities provided

- pier
- portable toilet
- boat ramp
- covered picnic tables
- all in need of repair after Harvey

Improvement Opportunities

- Repairs after Harvey: pier (repairs completed), picnic facilities, porta potty
- Kayaking Trail

draft signage and rules

Welcome to Calhoun County's Six Mile Park

Rules

Be Safe

Watch out for Kids!

Speed Limit 15 MPH

No glass containers

Discharge of firearms is prohibited

Be Courteous

No littering, dumping or household garbage.

You brought it so please pack it home!

Protect our Park

No Camping

Have Fun

Fish – Boat – Paddle – Relax

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Olivia Haterius Park



Improvement Opportunities

- Pier
- Designate RV camping area (no area is currently designated)
- Restrooms
- Develop kayak trail system
- Observation deck overlooking Marsh

Park Rules as currently posted:

- No household garbage
 - No glass containers
 - No extended camping – 5 days limit (need to establish designated site so as not to interfere with ramp parking)
 - not responsible for accidents
 - by order of Commissioners Court/Clyde Syma
 - no vehicles on grass
 - weight limit 35000 #
- (additional specific signs around the park)

Draft signage and Rules:

Welcome to Calhoun County's Olivia Haterius Park

Rules

Be Safe

Watch out for Kids!

Speed Limit 15 MPH

No glass containers

Discharge of firearms is prohibited

Be Courteous

No littering, dumping or household garbage.

(You brought it so please pack it home!)

Inappropriate behavior or loud noise after 11 pm will not be tolerated.

Protect our Park

No vehicles in designated areas

Camping in designated area only

No dumping of grey / waste water

Weight limit is 35,000 #

Have Fun

Fish – Boat – Paddle – Relax

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Port Alto Beach



Improvement Opportunities

- Restore erosion damage from Harvey (Previous GLO contract 16-384-000-9971)
- Improve parking
- Add signage (No Existing Signage)
- Improve walking access to beach
- add Kayaking Trail
- encourage Fishing from rock groins
- add Public Boat ramp somewhere in area

draft signage and rules:

Welcome to Calhoun County's Port Alto Beach

Rules

Be Safe

Watch out for Kids!

No vehicles on the Beach

No glass containers

Discharge of firearms is prohibited

Be Courteous

No littering, dumping or household garbage.
(You brought it so please pack it home!)

Protect our Park

No camping on the beach.

Have Fun

Swim - Fish - Paddle - Relax

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Green Lake

See Green Lake Master Plan



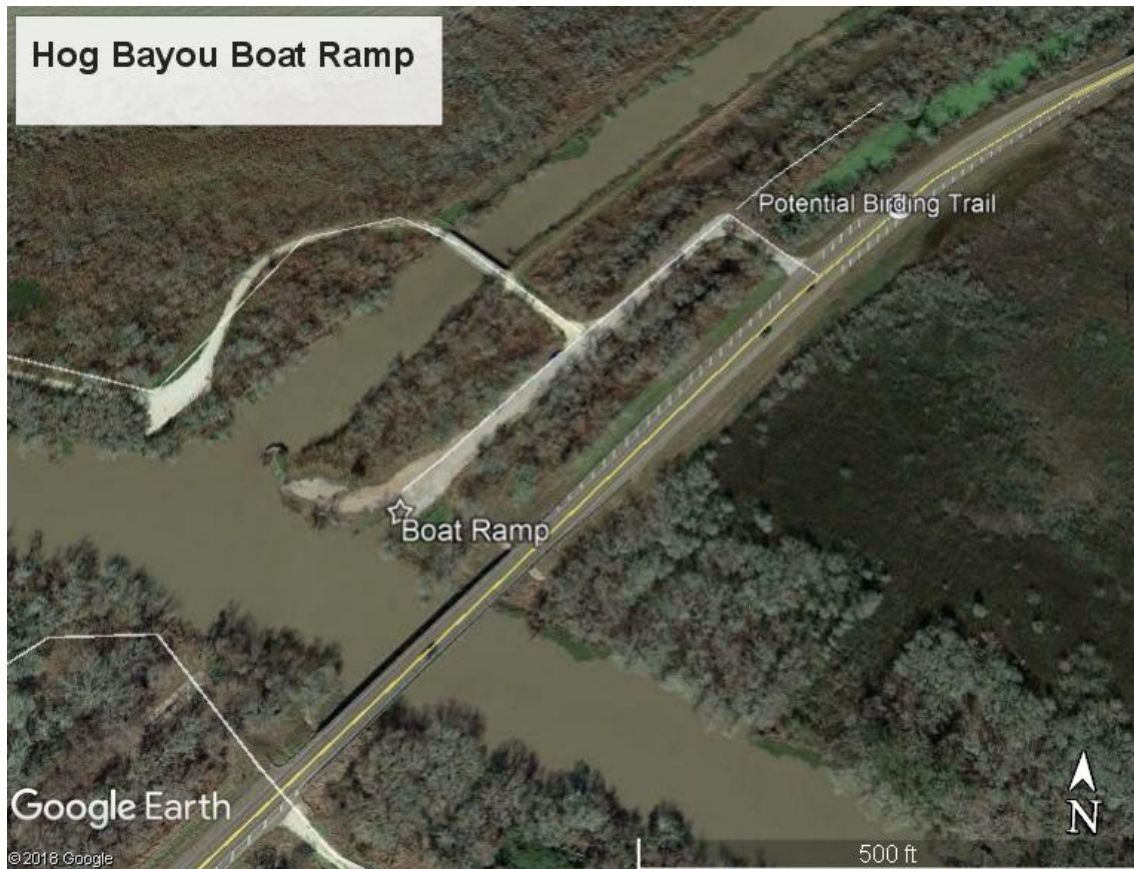
<p>• Natural Resource And Wildlife Management Zone</p> <p>550 acres of primarily lowland areas where natural resource management is the primary activity. These areas will have limited low-impact visitor use through activities like hiking and bank fishing. Recommended improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of existing bird island and/or construction of additional bird islands to create rookery opportunities • Creation of managed waterfowl impoundments that will expand habitat for waterfowl • Development of walking trails and minimal visitor facilities, such as boardwalks, bird blinds, and/or bank fishing access points • Management of wildlife and invasive species to protect and enhance habitat <p>• Park And Visitor Facilities Zone</p> <p>150 acres of upland grassland where visitor use and developed facilities will be concentrated. This area will be the most intensively developed part of the park, where most visitors will spend a significant portion of time. The zone will be home to campgrounds, picnic areas, fishing pier and boat ramp, parking, and a potential visitor or education center. Recommended improvements include:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a 100-site campground with tent and RV sites, restrooms, and other suitable infrastructure • Construction of a group picnic shelter and picnicking areas, with shade shelters, barbecue grills, and other amenities • Development of a new boat ramp, fishing pier, and associated parking facilities • Placement of bird blinds, observation towers, and other amenities that will highlight the incredible resources at Green Lake • Creation of walking trails highlighting unique and picturesque parts of the property <p>• Limited Recreation Zone</p> <p>80 acres where limited recreational access will be the primary activity. This linear parkland along the levee separating Green Lake and the Victoria Barge Canal holds promise for limited, low-impact recreation such as walking trails, small picnicking areas, and bank fishing. Recommended improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of walking trails, viewing areas, and bank fishing access points that will allow visitors to experience both Green Lake and the Victoria Barge Canal • Construction of a roadway and small parking area along the southern end of the levee, to provide improved access to this zone • Development of picnic areas with shade structures, barbecue grills, and other amenities
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https://issuu.com/npsrtcetexas/docs/final_greenlake

Potential Improvements:

- Develop strategy for incremental opening while full funding sought

Hog Bayou Boat Ramp



Current signage

- single Public Boat Ramp sign on H35—hard to see
- no marking of TXDOT vs County property, if any
- Private signage marking private bridge and road single Public Boat Ramp sign on H35

Amenities provided

- Boat Ramp (needs repair)
- Used for overnight camping
- Unique bayou habitat

Issues / Abuses

- Trashed out by users
- Other unmarked and more remote access used as dump ground
- Invasive hyacinths restrict boat access

Improvement Opportunities for consideration

- Update agreements with TXDOT
- Birding trail in riparian H35 ROW
- Kayak trail
- Restrict other access points
- Upgrade ramp and bulkhead
- Restrooms
- Picnic tables
- Regrade parking area
- Signage and rules
- Continue invasives control efforts by GBRA
- Educational opportunity: water supply for city of Port Lavaca
- Note: development of camping would compete with proposed Green Lake camping
- Signage and rules
- General cleanup
- Improve understanding of land ownership: TXDOT, County, Private

Draft Entry Signage

Welcome to Calhoun County's Hog Bayou Boat Ramp

Rules

Be Safe

Watch out for Kids!

Speed Limit 15 MPH

No glass containers

Discharge of firearms is prohibited

Be Courteous

No littering, dumping or household garbage.

(You brought it so please pack it home!)

Protect our Park

Camping is limited to 3 days

No dumping of gray / waste water

Have Fun

Fish – Boat – Paddle – Relax

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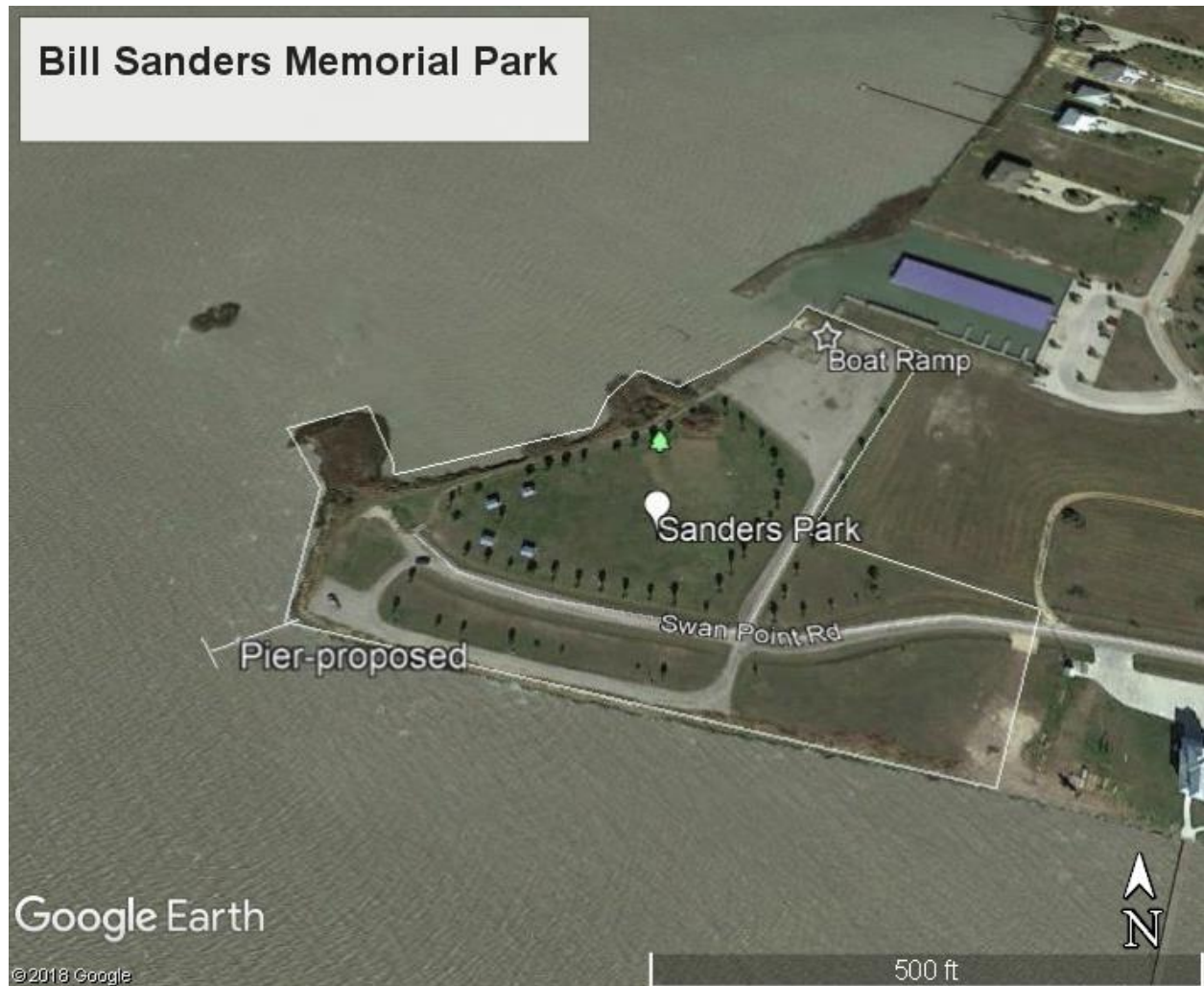


Property Ownership Schematic



Note that the boat ramp appears to be on private property per County CAD—suspect it is wrong. Likely old Hwy 35 TXDOT ROW.

Bill Sanders Memorial Park and Boat Ramp



Improvement Opportunities

- Install bathroom and hand wash facilities
- Install fish cleaning table
- Dredge access channel
- Fishing pier
- Repairs as noted below

Existing Signage

Entry: Welcome to Bill Sanders Memorial Park (needs painting)

- Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail Site CTC-35
- TPWD signage at boat ramp
- Paddling Trail kiosk awaiting inserts

Posted Rules

- No overnight camping
- No dumping household trash
- Boat Ramp directions
- Texas Paddling Trail directions

Amenities provided

- 4 picnic tables with metal roofs – 2 have loose / missing tin
- Cement walk across ditch has missing handrail

Rock road / fishing area

- Some repairs to road needed down seawall
- Trash barrel on east end of rock road has been burned/destroyed. Sign has also been burned and is on the ground

Boat Ramp Road and Parking Lot

- Signs: no dumping household trash; no vehicles beyond this point; handicap parking only
- 4 water faucets; checked one—no water
- All palm trees need trimming
- all light pole fixtures need fixing—fixtures missing
- electrical breaker box at entrance needs to be checked out—door ajar

Issues / Abuses

- vandalism
- drug use

Draft Entry Signage and Rules:

Welcome to Calhoun County's Bill Sanders Memorial Park

Rules

Be Safe

Watch out for Kids!

Speed Limit 15 MPH

No glass containers

Discharge of firearms is prohibited

Be Courteous

No littering, dumping or household garbage.

You brought it so please pack it home!

Protect our Park

No Camping

No vehicles off paved roads

Have Fun

Fish – Boat – Paddle – Relax

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Froggy's Boat Ramp / Port O'Connor



Signage

Entry: none; no 'public boat ramp'; Project is a federal Aid in Sports Fish Restoration Act Project sponsored by Calhoun County, TPWD, Department of Interior / USFW

Rules posted:

- Parking areas designated
- No littering

Amenities provided:

- 4 wide concrete boat ramp
- 8 acres parking
- restroom in Froggy's bait stand- privately owned
- fish cleaning table in Froggy's

Issues / Abuses:

- major washout issues with ramp
- illegal parking in handicap zones
- fender benders from tight parking

Improvement Opportunities for consideration

- Address washout issues
- signage
- establish and post traffic flows / protocols

King Fisher Beach



King Fisher Beach Potential Improvements

1. Improve day use / picnic area by installing additional picnic tables, repair existing
2. Add signage regarding park rules, safety, restrictions to off road vehicles and illegal dumping
3. Improve security and surveillance of the the Park to curtail inappropriate activities / uses.
Discuss with Sheriff, Constable, Community Watch
4. Raise and repair sidewalks to the pavilion
5. Water line to end of the pier for clean up (not for public use)
6. Continue beneficial use of dredge materials to sustain beach; add groyne on north end of Park to better retain sand
7. Improve handicap access to beach and to sidewalk to pier/pavilion from parking area
8. Improve young kid's playground equipment
9. Upgrade restrooms
10. Replace outdoor shower - complete
11. Improve sidewalk along old seawall
12. Acquire adjacent and submerged lands to protect park from development

Welcome to Calhoun County's King Fisher Beach

Park Rules

Be Safe

Watch out for Kids!

Speed Limit 15 MPH on Park Avenue

No vehicles in the Park

No glass containers

Discharge of firearms is prohibited

No Camping

Be Courteous

No littering, dumping or household garbage.
(You brought it so please pack it home!)

Inappropriate behavior or loud noise after 11 pm will not be tolerated.

Pets must be on a leash or effectively constrained. Please clean up after your pet.

Protect our sandy beach

No fires on the beach except in designated BBQ pits

Have Fun

Swim -Fish Relax - Enjoy our Beach!

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Boggy Bayou Nature Park Improvement Plan

March 2018



Boggy Park was acquired by Calhoun County **“for a park and wetlands wildlife habitat; and for public access to Boggy Bayou and Matagorda Bay...”** in 2006.

Boggy Nature Park - Nine Point Improvement Plan approved by Commissioner Court 11/18

1. Upgrade roads to Matagorda Bay shoreline and Boggy Bayou shoreline so that it is passable during wet conditions.
 - Crushed concrete or limestone to main access points -shown in white on previous map
 - Allows vehicle access to Matagorda Bay shoreline and to Boggy Bayou shore
2. Convert access to the natural areas to foot traffic only and lay out walking routes and a birding/interpretive trail.
 - Add walking entrance off Taylor Street.
 - Include boardwalk in trail by steps down at end.
 - Educational signage regarding birds and coastal marsh plants should be included.
 - Mark distances for exercise route- up to two miles
 - Natural areas outlined in red on previous map
3. Improve day use / picnic area facilities by installing additional picnic tables and restroom facilities.
 - Add portable toilet at boardwalk / parking area
 - Add additional picnic facilities in several locations.
4. Develop an environmental education area for students that includes salt marsh ecology, native plants, and marsh birds.
 - Covered pavilion at the end of boardwalk to seat 12 students and include a table for educational equipment.
 - Other student work stations for seining, birding, marsh activities.
 - Inaugural field trip on March 19, 2017 for 4-5th graders a great success!
5. Apply to TPWD's Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail. Develop a bird watering / feeding station to enhance the habitat.
6. Apply to TPWD Texas Paddling Trial System as part of a "Powderhorn Ranch Shoreline Trail" from Boggy to FM 1289.
7. Add signage regarding Park rules, safety, restrictions to off road vehicles and illegal dumping.
 - Include students in selection of Park mascot and sign art work
8. Address Shoreline erosion with groynes and beneficial use of dredge materials.
9. Improve security and surveillance of the Park to curtail inappropriate activities/uses. Discuss with Sheriff; Constable; Community Watch.

Draft Signage and Rules

Welcome to Calhoun County's Boggy Nature Park

Made possible by a land donation from Dominion Oil Company – December 2006

Park Rules

Be Safe

Watch out for Kids!
Speed Limit 15 MPH
No vehicles in restricted areas
No glass containers
Discharge of firearms is prohibited

Be Courteous

No littering, dumping or household garbage.

(You brought it so please pack it home!)

Inappropriate behavior or loud noise after 11 pm will not be tolerated.

Pets must be on a leash or effectively constrained.
Please clean up after your pet.

Protect our fragile Marsh

No vehicles in restricted / vegetated areas

No Camping

Please tread light on our Nature Park!

Have Fun

Fish – Bird- Paddle – Swim – Walk – Learn – Relax

Report inappropriate activities to the Sheriff at 361-553-4646.

Violators will be prosecuted.

by Order of Commissioners Court



Signage required:

Rules sign as above at entrance

"No Vehicles beyond this Point" in several locations

Bollard fencing in several, key locations